



MENOMONIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Menomonie Police Department hosts first *Coffee With A Cop* of 2019 Meet local officers at Caribou Coffee- Dick's Fresh Market April 11

Menomonie—On Thursday, April 11 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., members of the community are invited to meet officers from the Menomonie Police Department (MPD) at Caribou Coffee- Dick's Fresh Market, located at 1408 9th St E, Menomonie, to discuss community issues and build relationships over a cup of coffee. There will also be Easter face painting and other coloring activities for the kids, and they can even meet the Easter Bunny! Dick's Fresh Market will also host a Shop with A Cop donation drive from April 1 to April 21. Patrons are invited to bring in their donations to Caribou Coffee- Dick's Fresh Market and receive a FREE size upgrade.

Coffee with a Cop allows for relaxed, one-on-one interactions between police officers and members of the community that they serve. Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the Menomonie Police Department's work in the community.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to enhance relationships and communication with their communities. The MPD adopted the program in 2016.

"Coffee with a Cop is a great opportunity for people to meet members of the police department to share concerns, ask questions or to have a pleasant conversation. It is an inclusive event where everyone is welcome. We look forward to meeting you," said Police Chief Eric Atkinson.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members- one cup of coffee at a time.

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